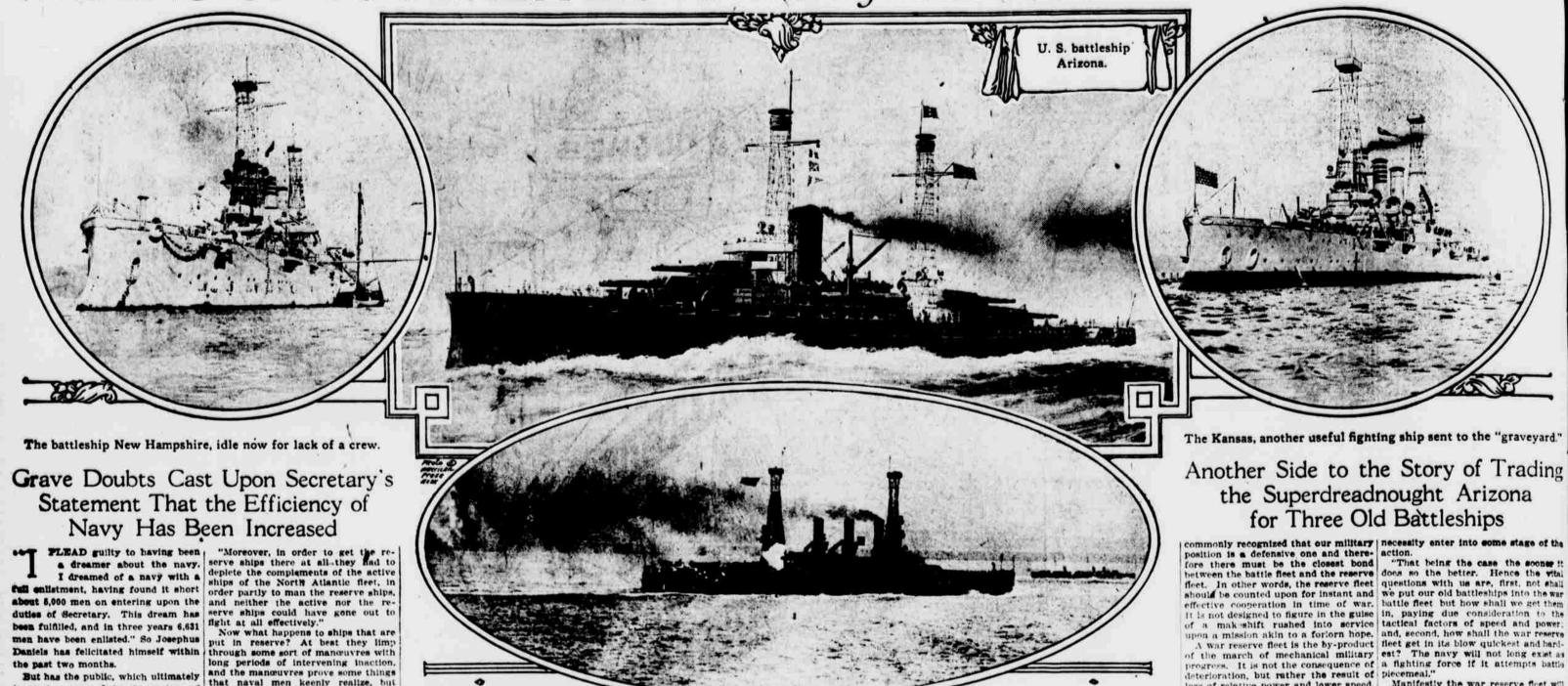
WAKING UP TO REALITIES AFTER JOSEPHUS DANIELS'S DREAM



The battleship Vermont, which was sent to the "graveyard" that her crew might help man the superdreadnought Arizona, pictured above.

is most concerned in the matter of which the public is seldom permitted naval preparedness, the same reason to know. Here is a quotation from for satisfaction? Do the facts which testimony given by Capt. Sims before Mr. Daniels deals with bear him out? the Naval Committee:
"The reserve ships had a sort of Are our seagoing defences able to speed trial outside the harbor. I was draw upon a full enlistment? Is the not in any of the reserve ships at that available personnel really quite equal time and have not been since, and,

to the demands of the available ma-suit of this speed trial the vessels were terial? Are there enough men to man scattered all over the ocean; they every gun and to work efficiently broke down in all directions. "Now, they say you can keep a ship in reserve and in good condition. You gentlemen can go down to the navy yard and look at those ships. They Secretary Daniels put six of the older battleships in reserve, and the priare not doing any cruising, and, of the active fleet was to provide men

course, it is easy to keep them clean; you can shave by the reflection of your face in the brasswork. But just take freadnoughts Oklahoma and Nevada. them out to sea and you will not To the ordinary mind it is puzzling to get them in running order for two reconcile this procedure with the ex- or three months. stence of a full enlistment. In order mmission the Arizona, built at Carolina and the Tennessee, that were

for a destroyer division and the super-

opposition to a sufficient and speedy increment of the navy's enlisted force.

standing the retirement of three other

ships, the Arizona was put in commis-sion 164 men short of a full comple-ment, and it is equally true that she

was not added to the active fleet until

after some weeks of delay in getting

is reduced in numbers. Figures are given that are intended to convey the

inch guns, though but twelve in num-

noughts Oklahoma and Nevada and a

division of destroyers.

the Brooklyn navy yard, Secretary called out at the beginning of the war.

fessee a good 22 knotter. So much rial of the vessel in reserve at its maxi- go: for any of them."

"If you do not steam the ships you manded aboard a fighting craft. are 4,000 or 5,000 valves and one thing and another that will leak, including the nucleus crews left aboard the ships. "We say to our men, 'We are going numerous joints and packings. The in reserve are composed of what might to fire that gue at a certain time under only was to keep ships' engines in condition is to send them to sea to do the

applies to guns and torpedoes." important human factor.

Capt. W. V. Pratt. U. S. N., brought of daily practice, and the heart of the and a reserve large enough out of it immediately.

Out some facts but vaguely understood great machine, for such a battle craft upon which we could draw in time. "There is no doubt that we could en-Daniels again found it necessary to They started bravely out for England regarding the true relations that really is, rusts in a measure while a of need-all this to influence Congress. list them within six months, but the order three more battleships to the at fifteen or sixteen knots, and they should exist between the battle fleet superficial polish deceives. order three more battleships to the reserve "graveyard" at Philadelphia. This happened within the last few days.

The situation thus brought about, despite the ample warnings of men like Admiral Fliske, Adm

serious and important task of whip- centive of intership and intergun crew follows: Why is this? the layman will ask, ping the new crew-designed to make competition to keep them up to the For serviceable ships now on The matter is thus explained by Capt. up a full complement in time of mark. In a fashion the work of the emergency-fit for the many duties de- fleet in preparation for battle has be- For ships building (soon to be come one great game. This is ex-

The exigencies of the active fleet, emplified in the following fashion by actual work of steaming. The same reserve fleet, as it exists with us to spit in their hands, and they go about applies to guns and torpedoes." And back of the mechanical side of tinual activity. As a result attention Mr. Daniels has assured the put the evils of the reserve list is the very to detail becomes lax, the men are do-that the navy is all right, and that men than allowed for the peace quota, important human factor.

These 47,000 men would be required line."

Details becomes lax, the men are do-that the navy is all right, and that men than allowed for the peace quota, including important human factor.

for deterioration due to being placed mum efficiency as well as the no less. But these men must have the in- class Power we would require men as can do if prepared for first class per-

For purposes other than on board

list them within six months, but the her naval force so that she has still

the Superdreadnought Arizona

for Three Old Battleships

between the battle fleet and the reserve does so the better. Hence the vital flect. In other words, the reserve fleet questions with us are, first, not shall should be counted upon for instant and we put our old battleships into the war effective cooperation in time of war, battle fleet but how shall we get them It is not designed to figure in the guise in, paying due consideration to the of a mak-shift rushed into service tactical factors of speed and power;

loss of relative power and lower speed. While the vessels of the war reserve be little better than dummy battle craft fleet cannot in an aggressive campaign if they are not properly manned in work in the forefront with their faster time of peace. They must be so main-and more powerfully armed fellow battle craft, there are still things of great and battle practice that the men or strategic or tactical value which they them will be as alert as those in t Capt. Pratt thus explains themselves in every essential read when the hour for serious servi the question with the present met

"This battle aid will be best rendered f it strikes its blow as nearly as possible at the same time the war battle fleet strikes. If there be any units with the enemy similar in characteristics to those composing our own war tics to those composing our own war quickest and hardest reach them. If there be no such enemy units, the objective of the war reserve fleet will 100,000 probably be those crippled units of the "This is approximately 47,000 more enemy war battle fleet that have in the are remedied so that the reserve common than allowed for the peace quota, action dropped out of the first fighting than the reserve common than allowed for the peace quota,

Despite her losses Germany has undoubtedly maintained the average of her lead of us. Capt, Pratt says of

this potential service;

upon a mission akin to a foriorn hope, and, second, how shall the war reserve A war reserve fleet is the by-product fleet get in its blow quickest and bankof the march of mechanical military est? The navy will not long exist as progress. It is not the consequence of a fighting force if it attempts battle deterioration, but rather the result of piecemeal.

Manifestly the war reserve fleet will regular battle fleet, and the ship

employed by the administrative her War reserve fleets abroad are not only the practice there to -the vessels are kept ready for a

istries of foreign Governments to prompted Capt. Sims to say: "The price of a battleship put on

difference of procedure between

them to the limbo of the so-called to serve fleet, which is in no wise con parable to the war reserve fleets of first class maritime Powers. Every one of these ships is well worth keep-ing, should be modernized in some par-

with the first line of defence. The commissioning of the super-dreadnoughts Oklahoma, Nevada and Arizona added to the battle fleet matter of thirty-two 14 inch guns at simultaneously Mr. Daniels retired the reserve a matter of tharty-ra-inch rifles. Individually the 13 of gun is unquestionably a supe weapon, but the 12 inch pieces excellent rifles, and at least twenof them are quite the equal of t best that Germany brought into pl during the famous Just and based exteen others are capable of doing to

aboard ought to be kept busy enough to have them prepared for cooperation

effective work and at ranges up 3,000 yards can batter their wa through nearly eleven inches of the hardest armor plate.
The twenty 12 inch guns of 45 cm bres can break through 14 tories. Krupp armer at 3,000 yards, and to intelligent foe, assuming these ons to be fit and properly h would fail to count them a v rious obstacle to a successfupon our shores. But this is

Mr. Daniels has added the to the battle fleet while wa nine others, and he has defensive targets courr from a possible twelve is fourth that number. Inst ing to deal with a degen and thus hastening the dol get through to our sl

of the daily war news:

London, Oct. 16.—Aided by liquid fire and heavy cannonading the Germans launched an unusually heavy attack at The public is given to understand that the efficiency of the navy has ac-tually been increased by this shifting process, and that the Arizona as a batthe Schwaben redoubt position, north of Thispval, last night, but were repulsed with heavy losses, Gen. Haig reported tle unit makes our mobile defence stronger, even though the active fleet

Below will be found an earlier instance of the same sort.

EN. THUCYDIDES, Christian or, will do more to check a menacing fee than 12 inch rifles distributed among the three ships placed in re-serve, namely, the Kansas, New Hampshire and Vermont. Inferen-J name not given, who might also properly be alluded to as Admiral, being one of the cleverest Greek skippers that ever bossed a squadron of triremes in the Ægean that the six other battleships placed on the reserve list in May—the New and the best ship news reporter of his Jersey, Virginia, Rhode Island, Ne-braska, Connecticut and Louisianaday, makes some remarks in his celebrated series of logs about Greek enre more than offset by the addition gines of war that may be interesting to the active fleet of the superdread-

If the navy has all the men it needs, General himself admits, and among why should any useful fighting ship be their inventions are some, as everyretired from active service? The retention of the vessels in the reserve squadron implies that they are not obsolete and therefore would be potent units in time of war. But as a matter of fact, does this system of reserve of fact, does this system of reserve between Sparta and Athens and their make for military efficiency, and tsn't respective allies as a sea fighter and

to the war lords hunting for novelties

The Greeks were ingenious, as the

the Navy Department's practice towzoldier, and no Athenian saw and deard these vessels not only an admission | picted events so accurately or handed of a shortage of men but also a step out better historical dope, toward making these craft ineffective. After the Hellenes had driven out if not useless elements in our scheme the Persian invader and had rested a

of national defence upon the sea? | bit the numerous Kaiser Wilhelms of It must be remembered that when a the little States began to think of warship is so retired she is left with a acquiring new places in the sun by so-called skeleton crew, something like the simple process of taking them 40 per cent of her active full comple- from weaker neighbors. When a very ment, and the bulk of these men are little State was licked by the Athegenerally those that can best be nians, preparatory to absorption, it spared for this service. On more than one occasion New York has been being picked on and if something treated to a naval review, and these wasn't done Hellas would go plumb to



GREEKS INVENTED "LATEST" WAR HORROR

Mr. Daniels has assured the public



The year 424 B. C. was one of heavy the Berotians went to it with, as Gen.

been against ordinary assaults.

Corinthian heavy infantry and dart together and sneathed with a state of the length of the beam.

"The Barotians moved so close to battleships higher and missile slingers to take a fall out ing inside a hole or tunnel running the fortress that they could talk to light of the war lessons learned the fortress that they could talk to light of the war lessons learned the fortress that they could talk to light of the war lessons learned the fortress that they could talk to light of the war lessons learned the fortress that they could talk to light of the war lessons learned the fortress that they could talk to light of the war lessons learned the fortress that they could talk to light of the war lessons learned the fortress that they could talk to light of the war lessons learned the fortress that they could talk to light of the war lessons learned the fortress that they could talk to light of the war lessons learned the fortress that they could talk to light of the war lessons learned the fortress that they could talk to light of the war lessons learned the fortress that they could talk to light of the war lessons learned the fortress that they could talk to light of the war lessons learned the fortress that they could talk to light of the war lessons learned the fortress that they could talk to light of the war lessons learned the fortress that they could talk to light of the war lessons learned the fortress that they could talk to light of the war lessons learned the fortress that they could talk to light of the war lessons learned the fortress that they could talk to light of the war lessons learned the fortress that they could talk to light of the war lessons learned the fortress that they could talk to light of the war lessons learned the fortress that they could talk the learned the fortress that they could talk the learned the light of the learned the lea

force, relieve the besieged and lick the | Under the title "Putting One Over Rections. That fortress was considered impregnable, and it might have describes the liquid fire gun and the it in front of the weakest wall of the Again, it should be in discomfiture of the Athenian garrison, fortress, built of timber, and set it that the 12 inch gun fi After striving several days to make The account is very freely translated up. An Athenian peering over the shells instead of armor in

proposition for the arrival of 2,000 middle, and the two parts were bolted. Thucydides, tell you, and I am some the fact is mentioned in or Corinthian heavy infantry and dart together and sheathed with iron, form- war correspondent.

"The troopers in charge of the maan impression on the fortress the from the aboriginal Greek:

Bootian commanders called together

"The Bootian board of military ex"What in Hellas is that?" A Bootian work of a grave character of

message of naval readiness to the entire nation. Capt. William S. Sims has deal with them in a deliciously satirical manner.

"We have had 'mobilizations' in our navy for years back," he has said.

"Below of the entire nation of the entire nation of the entire nation of the most distinguished inventors in the most di The same in the policy of the base had them in the North River where every ship in the North River Riv navy for years back," he has said, the Peloponnesian war.
"We have had them in the North Some of the conflicts was a said.